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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500
For Kris Balaji, Federal Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: SANDAG 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP Amendment No. 6

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 6 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2002/03-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated April 3, 2003. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2003-28 on March 28, 2003, approving these FTIP modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As described in the enclosures to your letter, this amendment proposes to add eleven new project listings to the 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) and modify the project listing for thirteen projects in the SANDAG region that are currently included in California's FSTIP.

By our letter dated April 9, 2003, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) made a joint air quality conformity determination for the San Diego Association of Government's 2030 RTP and 2002/03-2006/07 FTIP as modified by Amendment No. 6. The joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended FTIP is required by Section 93.104 of the Environmental Protection Agency's August 15, 1997, *Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Flexibility and Streamlining: Final Rule*, 40 CFR Part 51 and 93 (*Transportation Conformity Rule*) and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Rule, 23 CFR Part 450. Based on our review, we have determined that SANDAG's 2002/03-2006/07 FSTIP, including modifications adopted through Amendment No. 6, conforms to the applicable SIP in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 and in accordance with the January 2, 2002, *Revised Guidance for Implementing the March 1999 Circuit Court Decision Affecting Transportation Conformity*, and the Environmental Protection Agency's May 14, 1999, guidance *Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision*.

We accept these modifications to the 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the SANDAG region in accordance with the Federal

statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations codified in 23 CFR Part 450. We find that SANDAG's FTIP, including Amendment No. 6, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 USC §134 and 49 USC Chapter 53. This letter constitutes the joint Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approval for inclusion of new and modified project listings proposed by SANDAG Amendment No. 6 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP. This approval is provided with the understanding that Federal Transit Administration funding approval on individual projects contained the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

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